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Dry waste fiasco

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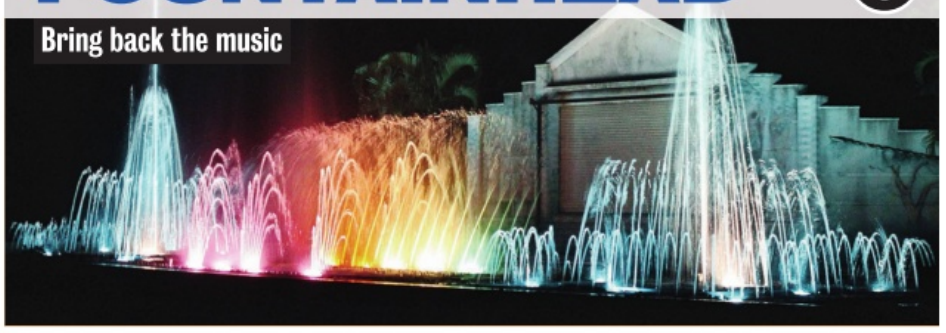

Lost in jurisdictional tangle, Wind Tunnel Road goes pitch dark after sunset with no street-lighting, making travel scary for women, children, girls

TUNNEL VISION

HAL, NAL did not respond to letters: BBMP

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> **“In fact, after 6:00 pm it is really desolate, dark and scary... several accidents happen too**
>
> — Nikitha Bharggav, frequent road user

Sixteen-year-old Nikitha Bharggav from Bellandur has to commute to Rustam Bagh in the evening to attend tuition classes.

She has no option but to use the Wind Tunnel Road to reduce the commuting time from one hour to 30 minutes to reach Rustam Bagh. However, she is afraid of using the Wind Tunnel Road as the stretch goes pitch dark after sunset.

“We are a working couple. We are worried about the safety of our daughter who is attending tuition classes at Rustam Bagh. The Wind Tunnel Road is not safe for girls to commute after sunset.

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Electric Future

Little awareness about exemption from road tax, registration fee of EVs among prospective buyers: Study

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The primary reason behind Bengalureans not going for electric vehicles as desired is the lack of infrastructure and charging facilities, according to a study conducted by city based researchers.

Lack of infrastructure and charging facility turned out to be the barrier for as many as 35% of residents surveyed; factors such as performance efficiency and higher cost of EVs have forced many city dwellers to give the option a miss.

The survey was conducted by researchers at RV Institute of Management amongst 103 people from various age groups, occupations and income levels in Bengaluru.

“We conducted the study to understand awareness levels and perception of consumers on electric vehicles. We also wanted to look at the factors that influence customers in purchasing EVs. Apart from the lack of infrastructure, the high price of these vehicles was the next biggest deterrent. Around 34% of the participants said they are not comfortable with the cost aspect,” said Dr Anupama K Malagi, one of the researchers and professor at RV Institute of Management.

According to the researchers, the opinion was mixed regarding the changes that should be implemented in the EV ecosystem — a major concern was the number

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Art x culture

All You Can Street (AYCS), India's newest and coolest art & cultural pop up, is now set to launch its 4th edition in Bengaluru. A carefully curated space for your everyday creative, AYCS, at its core, is an experience that brings together an array of cultural domains and provides a platform to the homegrown artists and fashion houses of India.
Where: The Palace Grounds
When: November 20

02 Winter Bazaar

On Saturday, the Bangalore Chapter of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC), will hold their annual Marketplace Winter Bazaar. The bazaar will bring together about 50 small and medium entrepreneurs showcasing both sustainable food & lifestyle products. From Parsi delectables to lip-smacking desserts, to Christmas gifts, you will be spoilt for choice here.
Where: Lady Jehangir Kothari Hall
When: November 19, 3 pm – 9 pm

03 Odissi Utsav

The Bengaluru Odissi Family presents its fourth edition of the Bengaluru Odissi Utsav. A one-day festival, this year's event will showcase almost 100 dancers from eleven of the Odissi institutes in Bengaluru. There will be performances by dancers from Mumbai, Amravati, Chennai, Mysore and Boston. Guest artist and Odissi exponent Rahul Acharya, will present, in the morning session, a talk on the Natyashastra and its relevance to Odissi. He is also set to perform in the evening session of the festival.
Where: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road; When: November 20, 9:45 am to 8 pm

Ray of hope & healing for rural community

School, college students in over 91 villages on Bengaluru's fringes are learning to cope with mental health issues courtesy Sakalwara Community Mental Health Centre

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In order to reach out to the rural community and spread awareness about mental health issues, the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) has started the Sakalwara Community Mental Health Centre (SCMHC).

Located 15 km away from the NIMHANS campus on Bannerghatta Road, the centre will reach out to over 91 villages and provide knowledge about mental health through community participation.

Since its inception, the department of psychiatric social work (PSW) has played a significant role in providing mental health services through SCMHC. Although the SCMHC was established in 1972, the community programmes came to existence six years ago, and since then the programme has helped only many school-and college-going students, including employees working in industries and panchayats.

The PSW services include promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative approaches in mental health. Through their services, they have reached out to over 40 schools with 10 sessions in each school. The programme also includes home visits to spread knowledge about mental health and the home visits are made weekly twice for six years. This apart, 60 group therapy sessions and weekly visits to the anganwadi centres in the SCMHC catchment areas are made. Over 20 small scale industries have been benefitted by industrial mental health programme.

In schools, life skills that help in battling mental health problems are being taught by the volunteers

Dr E Aravind Raj, Additional Professor of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS, said, "Under the school mental program, for government higher primary school students (7th and 8th grade) in Sakalwara catchment area, 40 schools have been covered so far. The session is carried out for one hour per week. Ten issues are covered for positive mental health such as decision making, problem solving, effective communication, interpersonal relationship, social support and exam preparations."

At colleges, stress management, awareness on substance use and suicide is spread, and counselling skills for teachers are taught. Dr Raj said, "The unawareness in rural makes it necessary to provide these services that could benefit them. In the rural areas it is challenging to reach out to people easily as they are unaware and do not want to learn about it.

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After repeated attempts and upon knowing the positive outcomes, they agree to have the sessions. Awareness is just not talking about different mental disorders but even the mental health issues which can suffer without realising it.

Since the commencement of the program, we have got many people who have followed back regarding different mental health issues."

One can even visit the OPD present at the centre which runs thrice a week regarding any mental health problem. Village visits are carried out where an interaction is done with the health, welfare, and panchayat sectors and public to address mental health issues.

There's no stopping their dreams

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Till a few days ago, Abrar Shariff, a college student, was not sure if he would be able to complete his education as he did not have the means to pay his college fees amounting to Rs 1,40,000. Shariff's mother, who works as a tailor at a boutique, is the sole breadwinner of the family.

But Humane Touch Trust, a social organisation, made sure that he did not have to drop out, by providing him with a scholarship. "I got a scholarship worth Rs 40,000. It is a great help and relief to me. It makes a lot of difference," said Abrar Shariff.

Gul Afshan's story is the same. A student of Dr MR Ambedkar Dental College, her mother is a homemaker while father maintains an ironing shop. "I got a scholarship worth Rs 20,000. I am grateful," said Gul.

The Humane Touch Trust has helped 50 students from economically backward families by giving Udaan Scholarship 2022 on November 12. The students from disciplines including engineering, commerce and law were encouraged. A total amount of Rs 10 lakh plus was disbursed under the scheme. The Udaan Scholarship is a merit cum means scholarship. The organisers said that it would be a renewed focus on students pursuing unique and offbeat courses as well as civil services and engineering.

The Humane Touch Trust has committed to provide Rs 10 lakh worth scholarships for those pursuing civil services and laptops. According to Human Touch Trust treasurer M Amaan Asim, the Udaan Scholarship 2022 received more than 150 applications through its online process.

"The focus is on means and merit, with minimum criteria of 80 per cent and above. However, exceptions are made in the case of single parents, orphans and other special cases. The per student scholarship amount also varies depending on the college fees as well as student background and potential," said Amaan Asim.

Many have been able to complete their studies with the help of scholarships

According to Humane Touch Trust founder secretary Tazaiyun Oomer, the scholarships were given since 2000 and it began with a budget of Rs 3 lakh and Rs 2,000 per student and this has been increased on par with the increase of fees at the educational institutions. "We've grown from providing scholarships to 20 students in professional courses including B.Com and B.A, LLB. The scholarship amount per student is increased from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 for non-professional courses," said Oomer.

Yet another promise: Pothole-free zones

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is geared up to declare certain stretches of Bengaluru 'pothole free', but city dwellers wonder if that is something truly possible.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "Since May, we have identified 33,000 potholes in our limits and filled up 32,000. We can fill up the remaining 1,000 potholes in two days. However, we are at the mercy of the weather Gods. We have a prediction that there will be rain till November 17. Hence, we may be able to fill all the potholes by November 19."

Bengalureans are not convinced with this declaration. The BBMP had earlier said that it would fill all potholes by November 11, which was extended to November 14.

Now, the deadline has been pushed once again to November 19.

"By Saturday, we will be able to fill all potholes. We can definitely say that there are improvements on the ground. Major potholes are filled, but we are still getting complaints about minor ones. In the next few days, engineers will announce the pothole free zones."

Sukumar R, a civic activist said, "The idea of declaring a pothole free zone is a welcome move, but I wonder whether it will be a reality given the fact that they are not filled properly and may resurface any time."

A road expert said that there is a need to analyse as to what ails city roads and why they are giving way to potholes.

The real reason for the emergence of potholes is due to the poor quality of the bottom layer which is filled with various sizes of crushed stones, they said.

"As the bottom layer is not strong enough, bitumen laid on top of these stones is caving in. When there is heavy pressure from the top in the form of vehicular movement, roads are withering. Officials should first think on how to strengthen the base," they added.

Meanwhile, the Palike is still not ready to admit that Monday's death was due to a pothole.

Residents of the city are not convinced with this declaration as the BBMP's deadlines are constantly changing

Nath said, "The footage clearly shows that the death was not due to a pothole. As per the new protocol, the agency taking up road digging needs to fix it as well."

CRIME FILES

Wanted phone, bought shards

Buying phones on your daily BMTC bus ride? Don't glass over the details

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City police arrested a man for selling glass pieces in a phone case on the pretext of selling a phone at a low price.

Durga Kumar recently bought a phone for Rs 5,000 on a Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus. He found out that he had been cheated once he reached home. There were glass pieces in the box instead of a new phone. Following the incident, he filed a complaint at the Kumaraswamy Layout Police Station, based on which the police started an investigation. They got a tip-off from the shopkeeper who was selling the glass pieces to the accused.

"The shop owner told us that there is a man who gets glass pieces cut in the shape of a phone. Then we waited for the accused to show up again. When he was there, the shopkeeper informed us and we arrested him," said the police.

Preliminary investigation showed that the accused used to show good quality phones to the customer, and while they were making the payment, the accused swiftly changed the box. "Whenever the customer was looking away or making payments, the accused would switch the box. The glass piece weighed the same as the phone. As soon as the payment was done, the accused would quickly run away," said the police.

Fake begging racket

There is no end to crime in the city. Several women carrying a child and begging on the streets is not an uncommon sight. These women garner sympathy from passers-by who give them money.

However, in a shocking case, police have busted a racket where children from neighbouring states are being abducted and made to beg in the city. In a special operation of the Child Welfare Department, Bengaluru police and Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials arrested 31 people in the racket. 10 women and 21 children have been found. The children are currently being interrogated under the supervision of the Women and Child Welfare Department. Police said that a case will be registered against the accused after receiving the investigation report.

Stealing cars

Banaswadi Police arrested a man who stole a car from a foreign citizen at knifepoint.

The accused has been identified as Syed Yasin, a 26-year-old Bengaluru resident.

He, along with his friend Muhammad Mansoor, robbed the victim on November 11, said the police. The Sudanese citizen had filed a complaint at the Banaswadi Police Station.

"There were two people involved. The main accused had stolen a Hyundai Verna car by pointing a knife at the person. They were on a bicycle and suddenly came in front of the car. We are still looking for the other person," said police.

Yaseen was arrested based on CCTV footage of the incident.

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Tripartite accord of waste

BBMP, resource organisations, rag pickers — Hosayala Nagar locals ask who really runs, is responsible for the Dry Waste Collection Centre in the area

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A Dry Waste Collection Centre (DWCC) in Hoysala Nagar, Indiranagar has faced fire from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) Health Department for improper management of dry waste that has led to a stench emanating from the facility. The Resource Organisations (ROs) involved with the DWCC said that the civic body has not provided the required infrastructure and that rag pickers are running the centre.

Bangalore Mirror had previously reported about the DWCC and how dry waste there becomes wet during rains. The Health Department's medical officer has now given the DWCC two days to clean the mess. The officer said that dry waste is being treated like wet waste there and people are staying in government property allocated for segregating waste.

Dr Shive Gowda, Medical Officer of Health (MoH), said that the place is hoarding dry waste and stinking up the surrounding area. "Dry waste needs to be disposed of regularly and centres need to be properly maintained. Here they dumped large quantities of waste, and the area is stinking due to it. Adjacent to the DWCC, there is a centre for senior citizens. We have asked rag pickers to bring records as the BBMP building is being housed by a few families. We have instructed them to clear the space within two days," he said.

People seen standing amid a pile of garbage at the Dry Waste Collection Centre in Indiranagar

He added that the department is also looking for new space to replace a Namma Clinic and that it would help pourakarmikas.

DWCCs operate in a tripartite agreement with BBMP, rag pickers, and ROs. ROs provide training and support to ragpickers.

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New day, new waste plan
Tender issued will not disrupt system of 25% waste currently picked up by existing dry waste collectors: Waste company soothes worries

BM's report on Oct 7, 2022

A representative from the RO said that they had written regarding the issue multiple times. "We do not even have basic infrastructure like a roof to segregate dry waste. Low-Value Plastic (LVP) can only be sent to cement industries at fixed intervals. During this period, the dry waste must be stored securely. As an RO, we are only helping the ragpickers by providing them training and coordinating with the Palike in case of infrastructural needs," he said.

> **We were only supposed to hand-hold the facility for six months. It should have become self-sustainable by now** –Dr Harish Kumar, BBMP

The issue has brought to the fore the question of who is running the DWCC under this tripartite agreement and who can be held responsible.

BBMP Special Commissioner (SWM), Dr Harish Kumar, told BM, "As per the MoU, ROs are only supposed to provide support and not run the DWCC. We were only supposed to hand-hold the facility for six months. It should have become self-sustainable by now. BBMP will help with any infrastructure required. We are in the process of upgrading 30 DWCCs across the city this year. One DWCC can be allocated two-three wards as per generation capacity. DWCCs are only processing 3 tons of dry waste, but this needs to increase as per ward requirements. When we tried to streamline the dry waste collection system, it was faced with many objections."

Residents in the area say that the agency should provide space before taking away the only centre for dry waste collection. "If BBMP wants to increase health infrastructure, they can focus on leveraging existing infrastructure," said Sneha Nandihal, from I Change Indiranagar.

Thippasandra's road to 'future craters'

Streets being asphalted in Thippasandra Market Road

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is carrying out asphalt work in Thippasandra Market Road across the 5th, 6th, and 7th Cross streets. Although residents in the area are delighted to have good roads, they say that the work being carried out is shoddy. They alleged that while the contractor is carrying out asphalting of the road, there are absolutely no checks being done by the civic body with regard to the process.

A Resident of Thippasandra, Muniraju, said, "BBMP has failed to implement the basic rule of cleaning the ground of dust, grass, and organic material before putting the jelly stones and other material. An uncleaned base will affect the binding of the rest of the layers. The black-top roads have a 10-year lifespan. However, roads laid out by the BBMP develop potholes in no time and become a death trap for commuters. This is because no one bothers to check if the road work meets prescribed standards."

Another resident, Dhananjay Bala, said "We are paying taxes regularly and honestly. But the wait for good roads only seems to be getting longer for us. The road-laying process involves a step-by-step procedure.

The ground is cleaned to remove all the loose materials. Next, hot bitumen is filled with jelly stones of different sizes, and later, the roller is run over it. Further, regular bitumen is laid."

This helps the layers to bind well, resisting the entry of water, said Bala, adding that the BBMP does not follow this procedure.

In a hurry to finish the work and get paid, the officers and contractors go hand-in-glove, leaving the work in shambles, he added.

> **Locals say that asphalt work being carried out in the area is not monitored**

Lalithamba BV, Core Working Group Member, Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP), alleged that MLAs have taken over civic work.

"There is absolutely no control over the usage of money and the projects implemented in different wards. Such anarchy results in low-quality work, leading to poor infrastructure," added Lalithamba.

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Never-ending craters
Manyata Tech Park

Multiple potholes can be found outside Manyata back gate 5 (via Jakkur, through railway parallel road).

Drain pain
Linden Street

Gutters on Linden Street need to be cleaned. Several complaints have been made to BBMP officials.

Illegal parking
Millers Road

Two-wheelers are being parked on the footpath of Millers Road (next to Manipal hospital).

Fresh bites for metro travellers

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Namma metro stations are soon expected to have kiosks for packaged food and drinks for commuters. It is part of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited's (BMRCL) non-fare revenue future plan.

BMRCL Chief Public Relations told Bangalore Mirror they have to rent out spaces for retail purposes in order to cope with low fare-based revenue.

"These kiosks along with other stores will be the area for retail spaces which are part of non-fare box revenue for keeping the metro rail fares affordable for the commuters and the organisation sustainable," the CPRO said.

The kiosks will provide packages of juice, coffee, tea, chocolates, snacks and more to the metro commuters, the BMRCL officials informed.

Commuters say that though not having any restaurants or kiosks for food at the metro stations does not really affect them, their presence would actually be beneficial for many.

"It is definitely not a necessity, but since it will help BMRCL boost their revenue and would also help the commuters with some snacks on the way, it is a win-win situation," said Anisha K, a commuter.

"I take the metro to go to my workplace on a daily basis and most of the time when I

am running late, I skip lunch or breakfast. In Delhi, at some metro stations, they have these quick-bite restaurants where people can grab food on the go and it makes commuting easier, especially for young professionals or college students," said Rakshita, another commuter.

She added that it would be great to have refreshment stalls available in Bengaluru metro stations soon.

Currently, non-packaged food items are not allowed to be carried inside the trains. However, the retail spaces are not just limited to food outlets and BMRCL has planned to also include quick service restaurants, bakeries, takeaways, electronic appliances, books, stationery, and cosmetic shops among other facilities that can be available at the stations in the future.

A few days ago, Sahitya Akademi also opened up its bookshop at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Metro Station, Majestic and is planning to open up one more outlet at a station in the coming years.

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Cracker of a show leaves city gasping

Several locations recorded very poor air quality on monitors, days after Deepawali too

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As per the Air Quality Index (AQI) data from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), this year Deepawali in Bengaluru has turned out to be significantly more polluted than in the previous few years.

The air quality monitors installed across the city recorded 'very poor' air quality at multiple locations on days following the festival as well. AQI this year crossed the 300 mark at three out of the seven Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (CAAQM) stations. On Deepawali day this year, the monitoring station at Kavika, Mysore Road recorded an AQI of 312, followed by AQI values of 349 and 316 on the days following the festival. In 2021, the station recorded a maximum AQI of 122 on the days following Deepawali and registered a maximum AQI of 69 in 2020.

While the average monthly AQI recorded by the monitoring station at Mysore Road this year Deepawali was 130; it was 88 in 2021, 85 in 2020 and 83 in 2019. HSR Layout also recorded high AQI values of 320 and 301 on Deepawali this year. The average monthly AQI this Deepawali at the location was 106; it was 60.7 in 2021, 58 in 2020 and 95 in 2019.

File photo of a cracker stall at a ground in Rajajinagar this year

Similarly, the CAAQM stations in Jayanagar and Hebbal recorded high AQI values falling under the 'poor' and 'very poor' categories on days following the festival this year.

"The air quality during the Deepawali (between October 24 and October 26) has shown variations from 'poor' to 'very poor' categories at multiple stations such as Jayanagar, KAVIKA and Central Silk Board. Moreover, the air quality was in the 'moderate' and 'poor' category in almost all stations towards the end of October due to high vehicular movement," said the report released by KSPCB.

The board has installed seven CAAQM stations across the city at City Railway Station, Hebbal, Saneguruvanahalli, NIMHANS, Jayanagar, KAVIKA-Mysore Road and Central Silk Board-HSR Layout to monitor air quality round the clock.

"Air quality also changes with the onset of winter due to inversion. This might also lead to a change in air quality from moderate September to poor and very poor category last month," added the report.

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> – From the report

Police help couple to tie the knot

The Nelamangala police helped a couple whose union was opposed by their parents get married.

The couple, 19-year-old Bindu, a resident of Nelamangala Nagar, and 24-year-old Karubasappa, a resident of KR Puram, who are said to have been in love for almost two years, had approached the police as their parents were against their relationship.

"The couple came crying to the station. When their parents were called, they refused to assent to the relationship. Later, the police had to provide protection so that the couple could get married," said the police.

The police helped them get married at Rudreshwar Temple of Kavadi Mutt in Nelamangala in the middle of the night. **–BMB**

Narcotic substances impact economy: HC

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday rejected the bail petition of a Kerala man, arrested on charges of exporting drugs from the country, holding that drugs have a bearing on the country's economy.

A bench, headed by Justice Rajendra Badamikar, said that drug cartels target the young generation and cast a bad spell on the whole society. Illegal investments are made into the drug trade and it is carried out against the law. This can't be taken lightly, it said.

The accused, Taha Umar from Kerala's Malappuram, owned a medical shop and had allegedly misused the Aadhaar card of an employee, created fake patients and doctor's prescriptions and allegedly sent drugs to foreign countries.

Umar had sent 'Clonazepam', a prohibited tablet under NDPS Act to the address of Jainul Abid Man Paramban in Saudi Arabia under the name of Ajmal Nanath Waliyat. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) sleuths at the Bengaluru International Airport detected this and seized tablets weighing 357 grams. Umar was arrested on August 25 this year.

Counsel for the accused insisted that bail should be granted as the standard order under the NDPS Act states collection of five grams of narcotic substance is necessary. Since, the authorities have collected only 4.2 grams and standard protocol was not followed, the accused is eligible for getting bail, counsel argued.

However, the court observed that despite the lesser amount, authorities had not refused tests on the seized substance.

Counsel also claimed that Umar is innocent and he is not the person who indulged in export activity and supplied only medical instruments.

Umar had moved the high court as the lower court rejected his bail plea. **–IANS**

Time to resurrect B'luru's famous musical fountain?

Authorities estimate ₹16 crore needed for refurbishing the park's infrastructure; cash-strapped Horticulture Department says they are looking for CSR funds

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Authorities say the fountain has to be refurbished and storage tanks, other repair work has to be done

It has been more than a decade since the city's first musical fountain stopped functioning. Those who have been living in Karnataka for several decades will remember the musical fountain at Brindavan gardens, Krishna Raja Sagar, that was a big hit. Bengalureans would travel all the way till Mandya to witness the grandeur.

So, the authorities decided to set up a musical fountain in Namma Bengaluru as well. The Indira Gandhi Musical Fountain was opened to the public in 1994. The fountain was 60 feet in length and 15 feet in width. Though the fountain was a big draw, it stopped functioning around 2012 and since then it has not been fixed.

A toy train, which was another attraction at this garden, has derailed. The Horticulture Department has written to the railways seeking their support to repair the toy train. Officials say that they have received a positive response from the railways and hope the toy train will be repaired soon and be brought back on track.

Now, the authorities say that the entire set up has to be replaced along with construction of storage tanks and other repair work and the cash-strapped Horticulture Department is now looking for CSR funds to restart it.

Sources say that this fountain was one of the favourites among children. As it was closer to the planetarium, Bal Bhavan and Cubbon Park, hundreds of children would visit the park on a daily basis. The musical fountain was earlier operational for six days in a week and there were two shows a day (7-7.30 pm and 8 to 8.30 pm).

An official from the Horticulture Department said, "We had submitted a detailed report to the State Government seeking financial support to renovate the infrastructure. In fact, the government had promised funds in the 2015 state budget. However, it remained a budget promise and the funds were never released. Since then, we have been writing to the finance department several times a year seeking funds but without any luck. We had a detailed discussion with a Singapore company and it was estimated that Rs 16 crore was required to refurbish the entire musical fountain set up. We were also planning to install a laser show as well. The finance department officials have stated that they can provide around Rs 2 crore which is not sufficient at all."

> **"The government had promised funds in 2015 state budget but it was never released**
> – an official, Horticulture Department

Horticulture Department's Deputy director HT Balakrishna said they estimate Rs 10 to Rs 12 crore funds to refurbish the gardens. As they are facing funds crunch, they were now seeking support from corporates if they could develop the gardens under a CSR initiative.

IN BRIEF

Run on!

Life is Calling (a sports management company) is organising the ninth edition of ThoughtFocus Thump Celebration-½ Marathon and 10K Run on December 4 at NICE Toll Plaza, behind PES College, Ring Road. The event will be flagged off at 5.00 am. The categories are: 30 km, 21 km, half marathon, 10 km in the competitive category for participants who are 16 and above and 5 km fun run/ walk in the non-competitive category for participants who are 11 and above.

Padmanabha Thirumalaiah, Vice President & Country Head ThoughtFocus, Kumaran Sampath – MD & CEO of Aegma Capital Services Pvt Ltd, Sunil PV Race Director, Life is Calling Sports and others announced the event on Tuesday.

Register: www.eventzalley.com or WhatsApp: 9606622006

Some hope for parents of tots

The State Government has deferred the implementation of making six years the minimum age to get admitted to the first standard. In a latest notification issued on Monday, the School Education Department notified that the minimum age of admission for first standard (six years) will be applicable from June 1, 2025-26 academic year.

Earlier, the school Education Department had made six years the minimum age from this academic year itself. This was opposed by schools and parents.

The latest order has been issued that the age criterion will be applicable from 2025-26 academic year beginning from June 1. **— BMB**

Cast away: Devadasis' children want justice

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Around 10 affected children of Devadasis from various districts of Karnataka came together on Tuesday to demand an end to their atrocities.

"After the practice was made illegal, my mother used to draw a pension of Rs 1,500 per month. However, she passed away four years ago, and the monetary benefit also stopped," said Kavita, who was only 15 when her mother passed away.

Kavita was then taken in by her grandmother, who also succumbed to covid-19 in 2020, leaving the young girl alone to fend for herself.

Kavita was in Bengaluru on Tuesday along with other Devadasis' children to participate in a consultation meet to highlight their issues.

The meeting was organised by the Children of India Foundation in coordination with District Legal Services Authorities and Bengaluru North University. While Kavita could carve her way out with great difficulty, Rekha (name changed), the 19-year-old daughter of a Devadasi from Ballari could not enrol for higher education as she failed to name her father in an online application form.

According to the members of the Children of India Foundation, while the government initiated the rehabilitation process with a survey of Devadasis during 2008-09 by the Department of Women and Child Development, it was not done properly. Activists say while the survey identified 46,660 Devadasis in North Karnataka, 9,733 in Ballari, 6,035 in Koppal, 7,827 in Bagalkot, 4,103 in Vijayapura, 3,949 in Raichur, and 4,724 in Belagavi and in remaining other districts, the ground realities are different.

Devadasis attend the meeting organised by Children of India Foundation, District Legal Services Authorities and Bengaluru North University

"The survey conducted by the authorities has considered only the women who are above the age of 40 years. Thus, the manipulated figure only substantiates the government's claims of proper implementation of the KDDP Act 1984. Moreover, as a rehabilitation measure, the government initiated a monthly pension of Rs 400 to registered Devadasis in April 2013, which was raised to Rs 1,500 in April 2018. However, over the last 39 years, only 30,299 Devadasis have received the pension, which is often released twice or thrice a year," said Ezekiel Kanavalli, program officer, Children of India Foundation.

> **"Over the last 39 years, only 30,299 Devadasis have received the pension**
> – Ezekiel Kanavalli, Children of India Foundation

Social activists say the government should enact Karnataka Devadasi (Prevention, Prohibition and Rehabilitation) Proposed Bill - 2018 with stringent punishments for those who promote the system. The idea should be to protect these women and their children from all forms of discrimination, abuse and exploitation.

HEALTH TIP: Carrots contain a phytonutrient called falcarinol, which promotes intestinal health

Kiwis contain antioxidants such as lutein and zeaxanthin that may help lower the risk of cancer

Eat like a Scandinavian

Move over Mediterranean diet -- Nordic is the best new way to dine in winter

We're all familiar with the health benefits of the Mediterranean diet - but if the thought of a summery salad isn't cutting the mustard for you now winter's drawing in, you may be pleased to know that eating more like our friends in colder climates could have similar positive effects.

The Nordic diet is based on traditional, locally grown and seasonal foods in Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Greenland and Iceland. And health studies have linked it with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes and high blood pressure.

Typically, it includes twice as much fibre as our traditional western diet and double the amount of fish too (particularly oily fish like sardines).

It's also made up of a high intake of seasonal fruits and root vegetables plus native berries, wholegrains, nuts and low-fat dairy. Small amounts of poultry and game are also included.

Processed foods and saturated fats are out. And sugary foods need to be shunned too. Also, in place of the Mediterranean diet's staple olive oil, the Nordic diet uses unrefined rapeseed oil instead.

Research from the University of Copenhagen this year found overweight people over 50 who tried the Nordic diet for six months became significantly healthier than a control group who ate their normal diet.

They showed lower cholesterol levels, lower overall levels of both saturated and unsaturated fat in the blood, and better regulation of glucose. If you're a fan of the Med diet but crave more comforting food in the winter months, then the Nordic diet could be the new way to eat.

So what are the key foods and how can you incorporate them into your daily diet?

ROOT VEG

The Scandinavians eat plenty of vitamin and mineral-rich carrots, beetroot and potatoes - and we can add homegrown swede and parsnips to the mix here. "Root veg like these are full of fibre which is beneficial for gut health and overall health - especially if you keep the skin on," says nutritionist Sophie Trotman (sophietrotmannutrition.com). "They're complex carbohydrates which provide your body with energy in a sustained way that spikes blood sugars less than simple carbohydrates like white rice, pasta and bread.

"Regulating blood sugar levels is key for things like weight management, reducing food cravings and hormonal health. Use root vegetables as the source of carbohydrate in a meal, not in addition to another carbohydrate like pasta, rice or quinoa unless you're trying to gain weight or do a lot of exercise. Vary which root vegetable you go for - plant diversity is good for gut health and to hit micronutrient (vitamin and mineral) targets."

As well as root veg, the Nordic diet contains locally sourced cabbage, kale and legumes.

RYE BREAD

Rye bread is nutrient dense - containing some magnesium, iron and zinc," says Sophie. "And it's high in fibre, meaning it will keep you fuller for longer and reduce energy slumps and food cravings later in the day. It also contains less gluten than bread containing wheat so may be better for regular consumption gut-wise. Try it in an open sandwich with a source of protein like tuna or mackerel as a topping. Alternatively, eat it alongside a nourishing veg soup."

WHOLEGRAINS

About 25 per cent of the Nordic diet's calories come from wholegrains, including oats and barley.

Sophie says: "Oats are a rich source of fibre, especially beta-glucans, a type of soluble fibre which offers a myriad of health benefits including possibly lowering risk of heart disease."

Try porridge for breakfast, but add some protein to your bowl to keep you fuller for longer. "A couple of dollops of full-fat greek yogurt, nuts, mixed seeds, milled flaxseed and/or some high quality protein powder are good," Sophie suggests. "Barley's a great source of plant-based iron, vitamin B6 and magnesium."

Magnesium boosts heart health, bone strength plus nerve and muscle function. Try making a barley risotto or add to stews or curries.

RAPESEED OIL

Low in saturated fat and packed with omega 3, 6 and 9, rapeseed oil could help reduce cholesterol and keep your brain and heart healthy. It also has a high "smoke point", which means heating it to a high temperature won't affect its antioxidant powers.

Where possible, choose cold-pressed rapeseed oil over heat-treated varieties as the minimal processing means the oil's nutritional values are better preserved.

OILY FISH

"Oily fish like salmon, sardines and mackerel are a fantastic source of omega-3 fatty acids which are all essential for brain, heart, skin and hormonal health," says Sophie. "Aim to eat oily fish twice a week and low fat fish like cod once a week, too. Use in salads, stir fries and pasta dishes. And try tinned sardines - they're a great cheap way to get omega-3 fatty acids and an excellent source of calcium due to the presence of little bones."

BRILLIANT BERRIES

Nordic lingonberries and cloudberries may not be available here, but you can swap them for blackberries or blueberries, fresh or frozen. "All berries are an excellent source of antioxidants and vitamin C - and despite a sweet taste, they're some of the lowest-sugar fruit," says Sophie. Add to shakes or top your yogurt or porridge. Eat other seasonal fruits like apples and pears too.

LOW FAT DAIRY

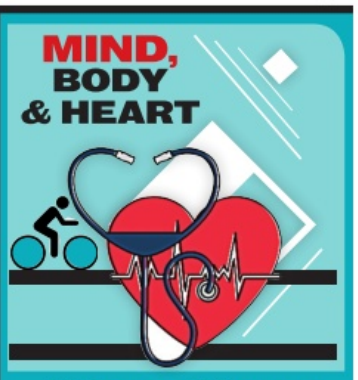
A thick and creamy Icelandic dairy product, skyr, is higher in protein than yogurt. "It also contains live probiotic cultures beneficial for gut and overall health," says Sophie. "It's lower in fat than regular full-fat yogurt, too. But fat is important for skin health, brain health and much more, so include both skyr and full-fat greek yoghurt if you can find them."

EATING LOCAL

The Nordic diet is based on eating seasonal foods. Studies have found fresh, local produce typically has higher antioxidant and other nutritional value than foods force-grown out of season or stored for a while. So head to a farmers' market.

"You'll find plenty of leeks, kale, cauliflower, carrots, cabbage, brussels sprouts, potatoes, pumpkins, swedes, mushrooms, celeriac, butternut squash, apples, pears and cranberries at the moment," says Sophie.

—Kim Jones, Daily Mirror



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my forties and quite newly divorced from my husband of 15 years. It was an amicable separation - we have two kids together, so decided early on that we'd put their wellbeing first and, so far, it's been OK.
Since we separated he admitted to me that he was going through a midlife crisis, which led to him making some bad decisions in terms of our relationship. He says he wants to do everything he can for the family.
He also says he still loves me and he's more considerate now than he ever was when we were still together.
However, I'm struggling with him being around so much - calling, texting, showing up on the doorstep. I've moved on emotionally and now want to move on with my life properly. I don't want to be difficult, especially with the kids in mind, but how do I get across to him that he doesn't have to feel responsible for me and that it's over?

COLEEN SAYS

I'm all for things being amicable with an ex, especially when kids are involved, but I think it's too soon to be friends and hang out. You both need a bit of time and space to create a new life without the other in it. Be direct and explain that for now, while you're adjusting to this new life, you need to keep communication limited. Because you're so familiar with each other it can be hard to break that comfortable habit, but it's all part of moving on. It's good to have some boundaries. Also, think about the kids – if the two of you are with each other all the time, it might give them false hope that you'll get back together. There has to be a tangible separation. So, explain that while you do want to be friends in the future, right now you have to focus on rebuilding your life and he does too.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

'Young adults prefer EVs'

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of charging stations in the city, followed by charging time.

To promote the usage of battery-run vehicles, the state government provides road tax exemption to EV customers — the study showed there is little awareness about this initiative among prospective EV buyers. Interestingly, Karnataka provides full exemption from road tax and registration fee of EVs.

While the scheme has been existent for some time, half of the respondents in the study were unaware of this fact.

According to experts, both the manufacturers and government should invest more in social acceptance of EVs by creating robust infrastructure and encouraging technologies that can create public trust in EVS.

"The results from our study showed that Bengalureans are well aware of the environmental benefits of battery-run vehicles. Now the responsibility lies on the shoulders of the government and manufacturers to change consumer perception, so that citizens start adopting this mode

of transport," added Dr Malagi.

The study also revealed that it is the younger population that is drawn towards battery-run and environmentally friendly mode of commute.

"The majority of the people who preferred EVs were in the age group of 18 to 38 years. The older generation preferred personal and conventional automobiles as they are not aware of the technological advancement in EVs..." said the researcher.

No light at the tunnel

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There are no street lights on this road," said Nikitha's mother Nalini Bharggav, adding that she is planning to meet Mahadevapura MLA to highlight the issue.

Nikitha told Bangalore Mirror that she has been avoiding Yamalur Road to reach HAL Airport Road due to traffic jams and the distance involved. "I am using the Wind Tunnel Road since it is a shortcut to reach Rustam Bagh," she said.

The condition of the Wind Tunnel Road has been a subject of constant criticism, said Nikitha. "Wind Tunnel Road is the primary connecting road used by hundreds of Bengalureans daily, to travel from Old Airport Road to Bellandur and Marathahalli, so as to avoid heavy traffic. Past dusk daily, this road goes absolutely dark and as it has no street lights. In fact, after 6:00 pm it is really desolate, dark and scary for women, children and girls to travel, especially when you are in an auto or a cab, as there is no light at all on the road. This is a serious security issue," she said.

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She said she has noticed so many two-wheelers, bikers, cars, and at times, even pedestrians walking on this isolated road. "Repeatedly we have noticed several accidents, as there are so many curves on the road, with practically no lighting at all to aid motorists," she said.

Meanwhile, Bellandur ward nodal officer said the Wind Tunnel Road does not come under the ward's jurisdiction. When contacted, BBMP assistant executive engineer (street lights) said there is a dispute between the HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) and NAL (National Aerospace Laboratories) over the ownership of Wind Tunnel Road.

"We wrote three letters to HAL and NAL to allow the BBMP to asphalt the Wind Tunnel Road and install street lights but they did not bother to respond to our letters," the assistant executive engineer said.

He said the existing street lights were installed by NAL. "We are not authorised to maintain those street lights," he said.

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MORBI BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Why contract was given without floating tender?

Guj HC questions how largesse of state was given to individual

#Ahmedabad

The Gujarat High Court on Tuesday heard a suo motu PIL on Morbi bridge tragedy and asked the state government as to how no expression of interest was tendered, and how the "largesse of the state" was given to an individual without floating a tender.

The collapse of the British-era suspension bridge on the Machchhu river in Gujarat's Morbi district on October 30 claimed 135 lives including women and children.

Hearing the suo motu PIL, the high court wanted to know from the state government as to whether a 2008 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and 2022 agreement with the Ajanta Manufacturing Private Ltd (Oreva Group) imposed any conditions regarding fitness certification and if so, who was the competent authority required to do so.

File photo of the bridge over Machchhu river in Morbi town

Pact without riders

"This agreement is one-and-a-quarter page agreement, absolutely without any conditions. This agreement is by way of an understanding, largesse of the state for ten years, and no tenders floated, no expression of interest," a division bench of Chief Jistice Aravind Kumar and Justice Ashutosh Shastri observed.

"After that term was over on June 15, 2017, what steps were taken by the state government or Morbi municipality to float a tender? How come no expression of interest was tendered, and how the largesse of the state was given to an individual without floating a tender...Why have you still not superseded the municipality?" the court asked.

The court observed that even after the term was over on June 15, 2017, Ajanta (Oreva Group) continued to maintain and manage the bridge even in the absence of any agreement.

It wanted to know from the state government whether any steps were taken by local authorities to float a tender for the operation and maintenance of the bridge after the 2008 MoU expired in 2017.

The HC said on November 7 that it had taken suo motu (on its own) cognisance of a news report on the bridge collapse tragedy and registered it as a PIL (Public Interest Litigation).

It had directed the registry to implead the Gujarat government, represented by its chief secretary, state home department, commissioner of municipalities, Morbi municipality, district collector and State Human Rights Commission.

On October 31, police arrested nine persons, including four from the Oreva group that was managing the Morbi suspension bridge, and filed a case against firms tasked with the maintenance and operation of the structure. – PTI

India is the largest contributor to global population of 8 bn: UN

#United Nations

As the world population touched 8 billion on Tuesday, India was the largest contributor to the milestone, having added 177 million people, while China, whose contribution to the next billion in the global population is projected to be in the negative, the UN said.
India is expected to surpass China as the world's most populous nation by next year.

The UN Population Fund (UNFPA), in a special graphic to mark the global population reaching eight billion, said Asia and Africa has driven much of this growth is expected to drive the next billion by 2037, while Europe's contribution will be negative due to declining population.

The world added a billion people in the last 12 years. UNFPA said that as the world adds the next billion to its tally of inhabitants, China's contribution will be negative.

"India, the largest contributor to the 8 billion (177 million) will surpass China, which was the second largest contributor (73 million) and whose contribution to the next billion will be negative, as the world's most populous nation by 2023," UNFPA said.

The UN said that it took about 12 years for the world population to grow from 7 to 8 billion, but the next billion is expected to take about 14.5 years (2037), reflecting the slowdown in global growth.

World population is projected to reach a peak of around 10.4 billion people during the 2080s and is expected to remain at that level until 2100. For the increase from 7 to 8 billion, around 70% of the added population was in low-income and lower-middle-income countries. For the increase from 8 to 9 billion, these two groups of countries are expected to account for more than 90% of global growth, the UN said. Between now and 2050, the global increase in the population under the age 65 will occur entirely in low income and lower-middle-income countries, since population growth in high-income and upper-middle income countries will occur only among those aged 65 or more, it said.

The World Population Prospects 2022, released in July this year said that India's population stands at 1.412 billion in 2022, compared with China's 1.426 billion. India is projected to have a population of 1.668 billion in 2050, ahead of China's 1.317 billion people by the middle of the century. – PTI

Newborns at Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children in Mumbai

The man representing India at FIFA World Cup

#New Delhi

India is very much being represented at the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Not on the field, but in certain activities surrounding it. In Vinay Mohan, the Belgium team for the upcoming showpiece will have a Keralite among its backroom staff.

The wellness coach of the Belgian team will be looking into aspects like the physical and mental wellbeing of the players. "I feel proud to have gotten this opportunity to be with the Belgian national team in the World Cup," said Menon. "It makes me happy that I can represent India and make my country proud in my own way."

As a wellness coach of the team, Vinay is responsible for mental strategy and recovering of the body and the mind which help players perform at the optimal level.

The 48-year-old has previously also worked with Chelsea FC, one of the top clubs in Europe; he has also played an important role in fine-tuning the Chelsea squads that won the UEFA Champions League in 2011-12 and 2020-21 seasons.

Vinay is now looking for support from all quarters for his side to do well in the World Cup. "India might not have a team yet in the World Cup, but I hope that all Indians who are travelling to Qatar for the matches will come and support Belgium," he said. – PTI

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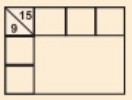

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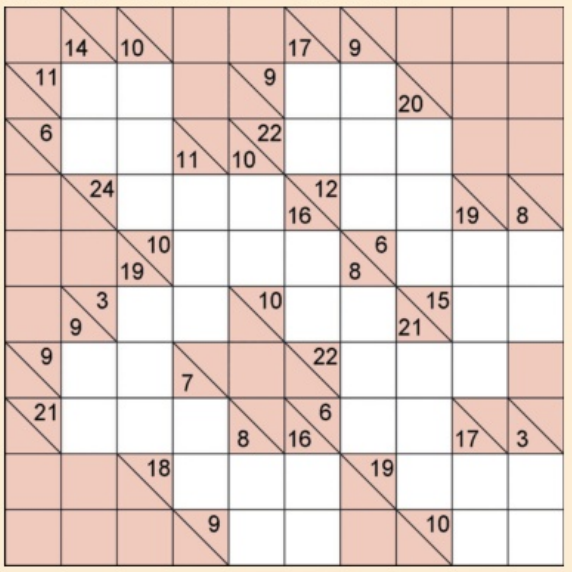

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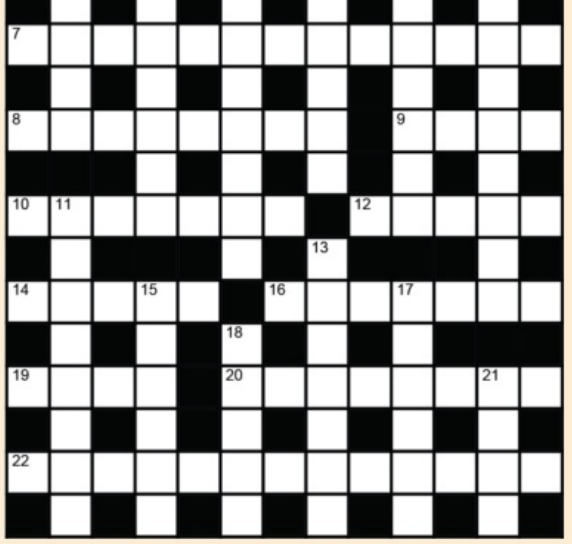

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9 Golden Fleece ship (4)
10 Small baking dish (7)
12 Dig; investigate (5)
14 Once more (5)
16 Thrashing (7)
19 Theatrical failure (4)
20 Dealing with (8)
22 Immeasurably small (13)

DOWN

1 Dull sound (4)
2 Gloomy (6)
3 Gigantic or colossal (7)
4 Shoelace tip (5)
5 The elephants for the Mysore Dussehra were trained at this camp (6)
6 Pardoned (8)
11 Ms Jolie of Hollywood (8)
13 Place for cooking (7)
15 Weaken (6)
17 Unit of temperature (6)
18 Principle of conduct (5)
21 Close to (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS T

IRV VNNVYAV CE WMM WPI HN IC RWKV LMVWNDPV HY SHKHYS LMVWNDPV.

Linemaro

Hello I'm a thief and I'm here to steal your heart

Mindchow

You have enemies? Good. That means you have stood up for something, sometime in your life

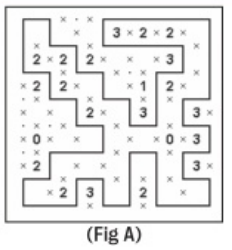
Joke of the day

Whenever I find the key to success, someone changes the lock

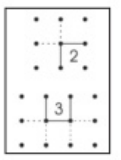
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



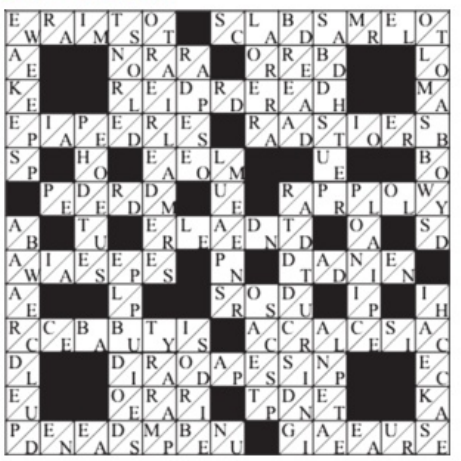
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

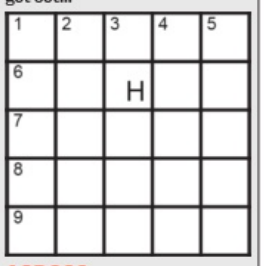
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Sails; 6 Hoe do; 7 Or lib; 8 Oaten; 9 Drake

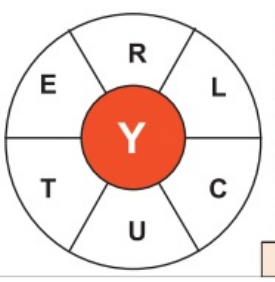
DOWN

1 Labor; 2 A taro; 3 Hooks; 4 Seen I; 5 Le did

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

5	7	4	9	8	2	7
3	8	6	4	7	5	9
9	6	1	4	5	8	?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

7	4		1			9		
		2		9	5	1		
		9		7			8	
		4					5	
9		3				2		7
	5					4		
	7			3		5		
		5	6	1		8		
		8			4		6	1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 41

2 4 5 7

Medium = 6

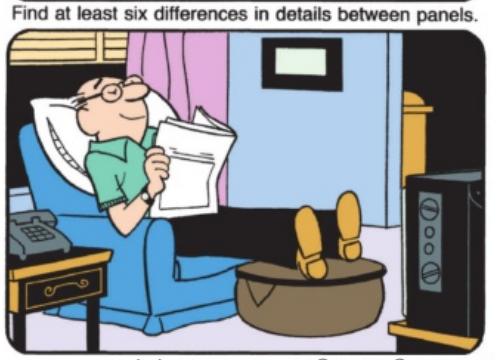
3 3 5 5

Hard = 38

2 6 6 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



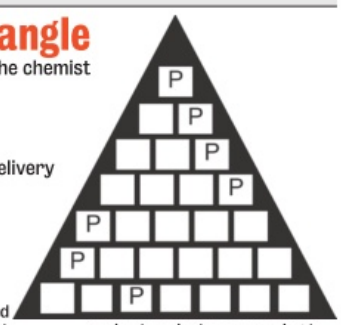
Differences: 1. Table leg is moved. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Man's leg is longer. 4. Arm of chair is not showing. 5. TV is larger. 6. Page is added to newspaper.

Riddler

What connects Mount Redoubt, Llalma and Mount Asama?

Alpha triangle

1 Phosphorus for the chemist
2 Opus, abbr.
3 Surpass
4 Halt
5 Schemes
6 Related to mail delivery
7 Portables PCs



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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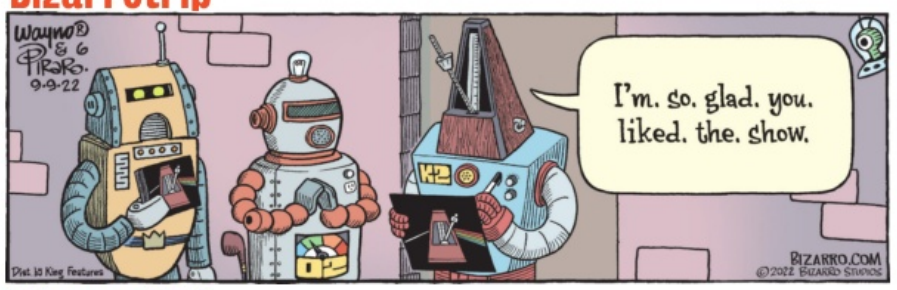
Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

I WENT TO A SENIORS MOVEMENT CLASS TODAY
WHAT KINDS OF MOVEMENT?
COUCH TO FRIDGE, COUCH TO BATHROOM, AND BOWEL
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Hart of the city

WHOA!
LOOKS LIKE KIDS ARE BETTING ON THEIR OWN GAMES, AND SOMEONE ELSE IS KEEPING TRACK OF THEIR WINS. NO BLACK LOTUS IN SIGHT, THOUGH.
CHARLOTTE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HERE FOR MORAL SUPPORT!
I HAD TO MAKE SURE THE PLAYERS WERE GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU! THEY ARE, AND I LOST ANOTHER FIVE DOLLARS.
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Crankshaft

EXCUSE ME... CAN YOU TELL ME HOW LONG THIS THEATER HAS BEEN CLOSED?
FOR SALE
IT'S BEEN CLOSED FOR ABOUT A YEAR.
IT WAS A STRIP CLUB FOR A LITTLE WHILE... BUT APPARENTLY IT DIDN'T TAKE OFF ENOUGH.
BATIUK & DAVIS
9-6
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Mutts

SO, HOW WAS OBEDIENCE SCHOOL?
GREAT!
THE TEACHER STARTED BY TELLING MY OZZIE THAT THERE ARE NO BAD DOGS, JUST BAD OWNERS.
SO I LEFT HIM THERE AND WAITED IN THE CAR.
mutts.com

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today some dissatisfaction may creep into your mind. You may feel lazy and dull, which can affect your current speed of working on a project. Lovebirds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may face disappointments in terms of interviews.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today your internal power can make you happy. You may get small gains in terms of investments. You can build a good relationship with your boss. You may see some promotions. Your prestige in society may be increased. You may also expect some work-related travels.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be blessed by the moon. You may get a high position due to your hard work. Your performance in the office may be improved. You may also meet some influential person who will give you direction to improve your life. You will manage your domestic issues very easily, which may boost harmony in the family.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be happy and things may be somehow better. You could plan to visit some spiritual place as it may give you inner strength. You may also donate some amount to charity or help needy people. You can expect overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may find their match suitable. Singles are likely to find their soulmate.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel unhappiness. You may not feel your best, but do not let it affect your way of working. You may meditate or go out with friends to destress. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds should be sensitive in conversation. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of finding a new job.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel positive vibrations around you. Things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in your partnership. You can expect long-distance travel for business or academics. You will create faith with your spouse, which will bring harmony to your domestic life.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may perform your best in the office. You may bond with your boss, as a result of which you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues will be cured now. You will get good incentives for your work as well. Disputes with your siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find a new job.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your kids' education may keep you busy. You may plan for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. You may want to update your skill set and could make plans for higher studies for getting promotions in your current job. Singles may find their soulmate. Those related to education, consultancy, and banks will do well.

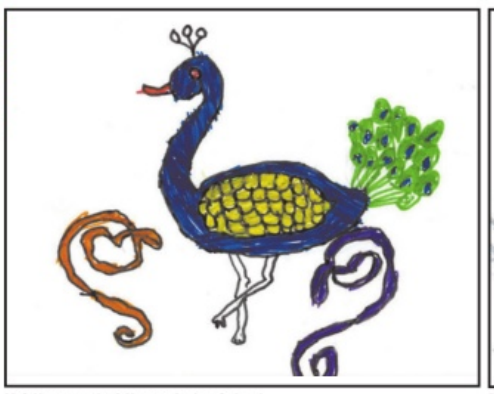
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may feel some dissatisfaction and may not be able to take your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some losses. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature on them. Your elders' health could make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house, but it is advised to postpone renovation plans for a while.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be busy at work. Your network may be increased, and with the help of that, you are likely to get a big order at your workplace. You are likely to start something new in your partnerships. You may get some investments in your business, which will boost it in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be busy with your loved ones. You may feel happy to enjoy it with family or friends. You can expect some new sources of income, which will boost your financial health. You may have control over your expenditure on worthless items. You may buy some worthwhile things, which could increase your social status.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your elders will help you come out of messy situations. You could try to improve your patience. Your focus may come back and help you achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of your business and domestic life. There may be some balance between your expenditure and savings. It may boost your bank balance.

KIDZONE



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Divya Tiwari, 15 Years, Kvasc Centre (S)

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SOLUTIONS

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=1/3^-3
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=27

RIDDLER
They are all volcanoes that have erupted in 2009.

FAST FIVE

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A	T	O	N	E
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STRIKE OUT

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BULL'S EYE
CHUTNEY, curly, curtly, CUTLERY, lyre, rely, truly, tyre

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Op, Top, Stop, Plots, Postal, Laptops.

LOOP

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GO FIGURE
Easy
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Medium
5 – 5 + 3 + 3 = 6
Hard
5 x 6 + 2 + 6 = 38

KAKURO

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	14	10												

SUDOKU

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2	5	7	3	6	1	4	9	8
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MENSA PUZZLE
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QUOTE UNCODE
The essence of all art is to have pleasure in giving pleasure.

QUICK

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Work out like a pro

What Malaika's latest fitness mantra is

It is no secret that Malaika Arora is a fitness freak. The 49-year-old is a dancer, actor, host and mother, yet makes sure that keeping healthy and fit remains one of her most important priorities. The "Chaiyya Chaiyya" fame actor is often papped on her way to some sort of workout, whether it is Yoga, Pilates or the neighbourhood gym.

Recently Malaika, who swears by Yoga, posted a video of her new workout using a danda (stick) and encouraged everyone to try out this new form of yoga, that is beneficial for the entire body. Sharing a video of the same, Malaika wrote, " Good morning everyone, I'm back with a fantastic Monday workout. This time with a prop.

Danda yoga is one of my favourite forms of yoga. Here are some reasons why:

- It's a fabulous workout to reduce belly fat, especially the around your waist.
- It gives a great stretch to the muscles of the arms and legs and spine
- It relaxes the body thoroughly.

This week, try adding a prop to your workout, something as simple as a bottle of water or a towel. It will enhance your workout and give you a welcomed break.".

—ETimes

Krishna: May 31, 1943-November 15, 2022

Tollywood loses its trendsetter

Superstar Krishna was known as Andhra James Bond

With the passing away of Tollywood superstar Krishna, an era has come to an end in the Telugu film industry.

One of the last legends of Tollywood, Krishna breathed his last early Tuesday at a private hospital, where he was admitted late on Sunday night following cardiac arrest. Popularly known as superstar Krishna, he dominated the industry with his 'daring and dashing hero' image for five decades. He is known not only for a variety of roles he played on screen but also for being a pioneer in use of the latest technologies for filmmaking.

Born as Ghattamaneni Siva Rama Krishna Murthy on May 31, 1942 at Burripalem in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, he featured in more than 350 films. He also directed and produced a few films.

He was the eldest of five children of Veeraraghaviah Chowdary and Nagaratna. While his parents wanted him to become an engineer, Krishna was interested in acting from his childhood. While doing graduation, he attended a programme at Eluru where thespian Akkineni Nageswara Rao was felicitated. His interest in cinema grew further and he decided to enter the field.

Since some well-known actors and filmmakers were from Tenali, Krishna went to Madras to meet them. On being advised to wait for some time, he returned home and joined Praja Natya Mandali. He acted in a few dramas to learn acting skills.

After playing small roles in a few films, Krishna formally made a debut in 1964 with 'Thene Manasulu' which proved to be a hit. With the next movie 'Gudacchari 116' (1966), a spy thriller, proving to be a superhit, he established himself as a big actor.

The handsome looking actor came to be known as 'Andhra James Bond'. He later portrayed similar roles in six more movies. Successive hits made him a superstar in Tollywood. **--IANS**

First look

Ahead of its World Premiere at the 26th Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival, the first look of filmmaker Sudhanshu Saria's much-awaited introspective drama 'Sanaa' has been dropped.

The intriguing poster introduces Radhika Madan in and as Sanaa, an ambitious and headstrong woman who is fighting an internal battle due to unresolved trauma. The actress looks commanding in a sharp corporate getup, shiny black heels and a slick side-parted hairdo. With her piercing gaze, she exudes grit and determination as she sits against an imposing backdrop.

Director Sudhanshu Saria says, "I'm thrilled to finally present the first look poster of Sanaa to the world. It is a film about a feisty and powerful woman who is in complete control of her world, until something unfolds to upset that balance."

—IANS

Jacqueline gets bail

Delhi's Patiala House Court pronounced an order in Jacqueline Fernandez's Rs 200 crore extortion case involving Sukesh Chandrasekhar. The actress was granted bail on furnishing of a personal bond of Rs 2 lakh and one surety in the same amount.

Earlier, the court had extended the interim bail of Jacqueline till November 15, stating that it will pronounce the order on her regular bail plea on the same date. The actress had landed in trouble after her name surfaced during the investigation in the Rs 200 crore money laundering case involving conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar. The actress had received several expensive gifts from him. The Enforcement Directorate had named Jacqueline as an accused in their chargesheet, stating that she was a beneficiary of the extorted money.

—ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Action heroine

Real Star Upendra is known for expressing his opinion without batting an eyelid. At a recent event for the release of a song of the movie Ugravathara, he said he likes action-oriented movies with women in the lead roles. "I like watching Malashree and Manjula movies. Now, the number of such action movies has come down drastically. Priyanka's latest film Ugravathara is on par with those movies. I will surely watch this movie because I like the performance of Priyanka and Siddi Sisters," said Upendra. He said he was confident of the movie's success as its producer does not compromise with quality.

Priyanka said she was not sure whether she would do justice to the lead role. "I took it up as a challenge. I did not use a stunt double. I was trained for the stunts. Ugravathara is about the exploitation of women and how police help them," said Priyanka.

On the border

One more director from Tamil Nadu has joined the list of directors in Sandalwood. Hosur Venkatesh has embarked on a task to narrate gory incidents at the border between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The title of the Kannada movie is Gadi which has a tagline – The Border.

"I came across a few incidents where some criminals killed people and threw the mortal remains at the border area. Criminals from Tamil Nadu throw the dead bodies into the other side – Karnataka and criminals from Karnataka throw bodies into the other side – Tamil Nadu. These incidents have been taking place near Hosur. The purpose is to confuse police and delay investigation," said director Hosur Venkatesh.

He said the Gadi revolves around mysterious dead bodies on the Tamil Nadu and Karnataka border and how some parents abandon their infants. "The movie also focuses on the importance of handing such infants over to orphanages to ensure they don't reach the wrong hands. Some parents are themselves responsible for their kids becoming anti-social elements," he said.